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10. [ ] Received a follow up call from Miss Alma Moore, Assistant to Representative F. Edward Hebert (D., La.), concerning Representative Hebert's request for information about the termination of [ ] I apologized for our delay and told her I hoped we would be back in touch with her office the first of the week.

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11. [ ] Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director, Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, called late in the day and said that Senator Jackson had asked her to obtain an Agency briefing this afternoon for Richard Perle and herself on events in the Middle East since the cease fire. After consulting the Director, I told her I had spoken to Mr. Helms who said that we were not trying to duck the request but in view of the political aspects of the situation in the Middle East he would appreciate it if they would contact the State Department. Miss Fosdick said she could not do that since her instructions were to obtain a CIA briefing. She said she would go back to the Senator on the matter. I told her if there was anything further to let me know.

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25X1 1. [ ] Briefed Chairman L. Mendel Rivers and Chief Counsel Russ Blandford, House Armed Services Committee, on an Agency activity in connection with the current Middle East situation, explaining the sensitivity of our role and the fact that policy aspects were in the hands of the State Department.

A lengthy discussion followed on the Soviet interest in the Middle East, during which I tried to summarize developments since our last Subcommittee meeting where this was discussed.

Blandford asked if we had any information about the Soviet AN-22 transport plane which went down off Iceland a couple weeks ago. He expressed suspicion that the plane carried some sort of sensitive equipment, since the Soviets had been engaged ever since in intensive efforts to recover all debris from the area. I said I hadn't heard this aspect discussed but would look into it.

I told Chairman Rivers of our concern about the problem of our retirement ceiling and said we would be in touch with him very shortly about amending our legislation in this and other respects. Before I could explain the details, Rivers broke in to say I was wasting my time, he fully appreciated our problem but we would have to get our bill through the Senate first--then he would "take care of it right away." He spoke bitterly of the amount of legislation the House has passed which is now awaiting action in the Senate, and said he wasn't going to pass a single additional bill until the Senate got back to work.

25X1A 2. [ ] Accompanied [ ] CI Staff, and [ ] OCI, who briefed Senator George Murphy (R., Calif.) on the general situation in Israel and the Middle East preparatory to Senator Murphy's upcoming trip. Murphy seemed well pleased with the briefing, 25X1

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25X1 3. [ ] Called Russ Blandford, House Armed Services Committee staff, to say that after further checking at Headquarters I could add nothing to what I told him and Chairman Rivers this morning re the AN-22 which went down near Iceland and the terms of the Arab/Israeli cease-fire agreement (i.e., neither side would "improve its position" while the agreement was in effect).

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7. [ ] With apologies Chairman Mahon, House Appropriations Committee, canceled a meeting with the Director scheduled for 11:00 a.m. due to the press of business on the floor of the House occasioned by the veto messages of the President on the Education bill and the Independent Offices--HUD Appropriations bill. The Director was notified.

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8. [ ] Received a call from Andy Montgomery, Assistant to Senator Jack Miller (R., Iowa). Mr. Montgomery told me the Senator is trying to identify a Soviet or Russian writing on their use of ridicule of foreign leaders and leaderships to create dissension within the foreign countries and asked if we could be of any help in identifying appropriate material on the subject. I told Mr. Montgomery I would look into this and I would be back in touch with him. 25X1

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10. [ ] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who again expressed the Chairman's apologies for cancellation of this morning's briefing. I told him that he could assure the Chairman that apologies were not necessary, that Mr. Helms well appreciates the Chairman's position. Mr. Preston told me that he does not believe that the Chairman will be able to schedule another meeting of the Subcommittee before about 9 September. I discussed with Mr. Preston the matter of the change in appointments for [ ] who will be coming in from [ ] for interview on Friday. Mr. Preston expressed his appreciation for assistance in handling this matter. See Journal item of 11 August 1970.

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1. [ ] Confirmed the briefing arrangements for the Director's appearance Thursday, 13 August, with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff.

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2. [ ] Talked to Miss Justine Snipes, Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee staff, who advised that the Subcommittee hearing on S. 782 has not been rescheduled. The Subcommittee is engaged in matters relating to the Wage Board bill.

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3. [ ] Briefed Senator Henry M. Jackson on an Agency activity in connection with the Middle East situation, emphasizing particularly the sensitivity of the Agency's role and the fact that all policy aspects were in the hands of the State Department.

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4. [ ] Called at the office of Representative L. Mendel Rivers for a 4:30 appointment but Mr. Rivers was tied up and we arranged to switch the appointment until 10:00 tomorrow morning, 13 August.

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